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Dear Dick,

With no hearings today, I worked my way down in the stack until I came to the letter I wrote Ray Wednesday and had hidden by the time I went to the post office Friday. A copy is enclosed. I assume, with this long delay, that the probability is that Gross came back with a rejection of the idea. But I'd like to know.

I take your silence to mean no encouragement and that you are busy. The number of publishers who are going for books is growing. And the odd thing is that all those I haven't mentioned to you are public domain. But with big numbers talked about. Nothing new. Perhaps that is the formula? By baddies, like Dean and Magruder.

Meanwhile, the outlines of the ploy grow clearer. Cox is an ideal guy to string it all out indefinitely. The crazy has actually rejected my request for copies of what is both public and has been published. If my purpose were to contrive a situation to sell books, which it is not, I couldn't have done better. Today I appealed his denial to the A.G. If that gets into the regular channels in Justice, they automatically reject all requests. They are trying to undo the law in court. Including with me. I have a case that should be headed to the Supreme Court soon, against Justice. How they deliver this one? Also crazy.

But none of these books, unless it is that of the Post boys, can still come out soon. Their by-lines have been uncommon. Today, for the first time since the two paired, there is a single by-line, of one only. The first of either in several weeks. Yet they can't be ready before the hearings are over, no matter how much is leaked to them in advance. I suspect they are busy writing what they've gotten hold of.

If you've watched any of the hearings, you know it is mostly show and politics. No single witness has yet had a vigorous examination. By anyone, senator or lawyer. The Establishment at its anti-Establishmentarian stupidest.

Meanwhile, I write every minute I can find, usually very early in the a.m. As I write and as things develop, the concept looks better and better and the formula closer and closer to 100% safe. On this I never had any doubt. Being all alone and handicaped in other ways also, I haven't been able to go out and get other evidence I am now certain is available. As it is, I've developed more than I told you or Ray, good stuff with real meaning.

Only something quite exceptional will stop me now. Among other considerations, the book seems more essential than it did only a few weeks ago.

So, if your silence means you are out of this, please let me know. I don't have any idea what I would do, but at least I'd know and I'd be able to.

I also have concerns about your silence on the legal matters. I assume you stay busy. But I have also had no response from Manny, so everything is in limbo and I'm tied. Dutton, for example, has promised to deliver the remainders I bought, and then didn't and fell silent.

So, when you can find time, I'd like to hear from you. Preferably not when the hearings are broadcast, which usually begins at 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays I take my wife to work and am usually back by 9. Tuesdays and Thursdays I take a walk after breakfast, to exercise and to think. Evenings I'm generally home.

Best to everyone,

Sincerely,